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1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED FROM IAEA SECRETARIAT FOLLOWING
INFO RE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT
WITH GOI IN CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT HEAVY WATER:
A) APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO, SECRETARIAT PREPARED
DRAFT "UNILATERAL SUBMISSION" TYPE OF SAFEGUARDS
AGREEMENT WHICH, AFTER CLEARING INFORMALLY WITH USSR
MISSION, SECRETARIAT TRANSMITTED TO GOI FOR ITS
CONSIDERATION.
B) GOI REPLIED THAT, RATHER THAN NEW AGREEMENT, IT
PREFERRED THAT SAFEGUARDS ON USSR-SUPPLIED HEAVY
WATER BE PROVIDED FOR BY MEANS OF AMENDMENT TO GOI-
CANADA-IAEA TRILATERAL AGREEMENT (INFCIRC/211) CON-
CERNING RAJASTHAN POWER STATION.
C) SECRETARIAT CONSULTED BOTH CANADIAN AND USSR
MISSIONS CONCERNING GOI PROPOSAL AND RECEIVED STRONG
NEGATIVE REACTION FROM BOTH. ACCORDINGLY, SECRETARIAT
HAS (OR IS ABOUT TO) INFORMED GOI THAT ITS PROPOSAL IS
NON-STARTER AND REITERATING REQUEST FOR GOI RESPONSE TO
SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT OF NEW GOI/IAEA AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY
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ADDRESSING USSR-SUPPLIED HEAVY WATER.

2. ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT, GOI HAS EARLIER AGREED TO CONTINUATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF INFCIRC/211 FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BEYOND SEPT 30, 1976 IN SAME MANNER AS DURING INITIAL FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

3. MEANWHILE, SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN SURPRISED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM GOI THAT 40 TONNES OF HEAVY WATER HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE USSR ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AND THAT FURTHER 25 TONNES HAD BEEN RECEIVED MORE RECENTLY. WE UNDERSTAND SECRETARIAT HAS ADVISED GOI THAT SUCH HEAVY WATER SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE USED UNTIL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN MADE PURSUANT TO FORMAL AGREEMENT. PRESUMABLY, SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO INFORMED USSR MISSION OF THIS SITUATION.

4. MISSION NOTES THAT DELIVERY TO GOI BY USSR OF SUCH QUANTITIES OF HEAVY WATER IN THE ABSENCE OF ASSURANCE THAT IAEA SAFEGUARDS WILL BE APPLIED TO SNM PRODUCED THROUGH USE OF SUCH HEAVY WATER, PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH AGENCY, IS CONTRARY TO USSR POLICY AS COMMUNICATED PRIVATELY TO USG AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS BY DIPLOMATIC NOTES OF AUGUST 22, 1974 (AND LATER TO STILL OTHER GOVERNMENTS) AND COMMUNICATED BY USSR LETTER TO IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL PUBLISHED IN INFCIRC/209, ALL OF WHICH WERE IN CONNECTION WITH NPT EXPORTERS (ZANGGER) COMMITTEE. USSR ACTION IS ALSO CONTRARY TO LONGON SUPPLIERS GUIDELINES.STONE

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